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RE: Comments in Support of PAPUC and DCED Petition Regarding CAF Phase II Funding

I am writing to express my support for the PAPUC and DCED petition regarding CAF Phase II funding. I believe that it is self-evident that such funding is necessary to ensure that broadband access of superior quality is available to all Pennsylvania residents, regardless of where they live. Furthermore, I feel strongly that areas that have sub-par broadband access will become undesirable as the internet becomes a basic necessity for people to conduct personal and business transactions. As such, the funding that the PAPUC and DCED desire is critical to ensure that the citizens of Pennsylvania are able to stay connected in the modern age.

My family owns property in rural Emlenton, PA that had no access to fixed broadband internet prior to the availability of CAF funding. After we were able to subscribe to broadband, we were able to spend more time at the property due to the ability to use the internet to conduct essential business transactions. In addition, I am certain that the CAF-funded parts of Emlenton are now much more appealing to the growing number of potential new residents who require internet access to conduct transactions required for business and personal reasons. I implore the Commission to consider the benefits that CAF funding has already provided to Pennsylvania, and the damage that would be done as a result of a loss of CAF funding in the future.

Sincerely,

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